

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-2 and 6-7 and add new claims 8-9 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A piezoelectric actuator, comprising:
a hinge plate which has a central portion, two lateral portions, and two
limbs, the central portion having both ends and being allowed to be divided between
both the ends, the two lateral portions extending point-symmetrically from both ends
of the central portion, and the two limbs extending point-symmetrically and non-linear
symmetrically from both ends of the central portion such that the central portion is
disposed between the two limbs and being capable of rotating toward and away from
the lateral portions; and

a piezoelectric element to which the two limbs of the hinge plate are
attached firmly and which brings the two limbs toward and away from each other
when it expands or contracts by application and removal of voltage.

2. (Currently Amended) An information storage device,
comprising:

a head section carrying a head which executes at least one of
information recording and information reproduction on/from a predetermined
information storage medium;

an arm section which holds the head section in order for the head
mounted on the head section to approach or contact the information storage medium;

an arm actuator which drives the arm section to move the head mounted on the head section held by the arm section over the information storage medium; and
a head actuator which rotates the head section with respect to the arm section, wherein

the head actuator comprising:

a hinge plate which has a central portion, two lateral portions, and two limbs, the central portion having both ends and being allowed to be divided between both the ends, the two lateral portions extending point-symmetrically from both ends of the central portion, and the two limbs extending point-symmetrically and non-linear symmetrically from both ends of the central portion such that the central portion is disposed between the two limbs and being capable of bending toward and away from the lateral portions; and

a piezoelectric element to which the two limbs of the hinge plate are attached firmly and which brings the two limbs toward and away from each other when it expands or contracts by application and removal of voltage.

3. (Original) The information storage device according to claim 2, wherein the head actuator rotates the head section around the center of gravity of the head section.

4. (Original) The information storage device according to claim 2, wherein the hinge plate is formed integrally with the arm section.

5. (Original) The information storage device according to claim 2, wherein the hinge plate is formed integrally with the head section.

6. (Currently Amended) The piezoelectric actuator ~~and the information storage device~~ according to ~~claims 1 and 2, claim 1~~, wherein the piezoelectric element is based on longitudinal piezoelectric effects (33 mode).

7. (Currently Amended) The piezoelectric actuator ~~and the information storage device~~ according to ~~claims 1 and claim 2~~, wherein the piezoelectric element is based on transverse piezoelectric effects (31 mode).

8. (New) The information storage device according to claim 1, wherein the piezoelectric element is based on longitudinal piezoelectric effects (33 mode).

9. (New) The information storage device according to claim 2, wherein the piezoelectric element is based on transverse piezoelectric effects (31 mode).